

People



SPECIAL
STAR WARS
THE FORCE AWAKENS
EDITION

THE STARS OF
**STAR
WARS**

DECEMBER 2015

- ▶ Exclusive Photos
- ▶ Interviews with the Cast
- ▶ Secrets from the Set
- ▶ First Look at New Characters



STAR WARS™

It is a time of great excitement. A new STAR WARS adventure is approaching at light speed. United by THE FORCE, entire FAMILIES looking to collect favorite characters like LUKE FRYWALKER and DARTH TATER have come together and discovered the single location to get all the best Star Wars merchandise ...

KOHL'S®

#ForceOfFamily



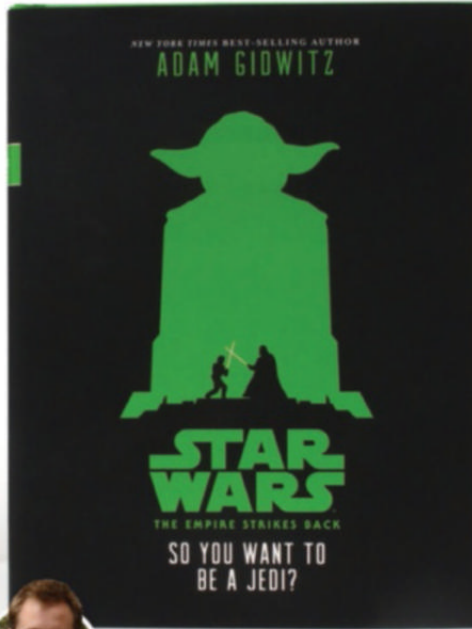
Kohls.com

GIVE BOOKS, YOU MUST.

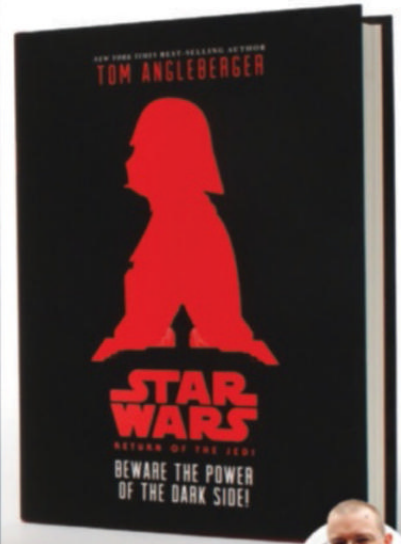
Disney • Lucasfilm Press's guide to the perfect book for the *Star Wars* fan on your holiday shopping list!



Alexandra Bracken
Star Wars: A New Hope
The Princess, the Scoundrel,
and the Farm Boy



Adam Gidwitz
Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back
So You Want to Be a Jedi?



Tom Angleberger
Star Wars: Return of the Jedi
Beware the Power of the Dark Side!

NEW TAKES ON THE ORIGINALS

Before they were *New York Times* best-selling authors, Bracken, Gidwitz, and Angleberger were *Star Wars* fans. They bring their own sensibilities to the classic trilogy in these original novels. For fans old and new!



Cecil Castellucci & Jason Fry • *Moving Target: A Princess Leia Adventure*
Greg Rucka • *Smuggler's Run: A Han Solo & Chewbacca Adventure*
Jason Fry • *The Weapon of a Jedi: A Luke Skywalker Adventure*

JOURNEY TO STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS

For fans who are counting down the days until December 18, these all-new stories provide hints and puzzle pieces that will make watching (and rewatching) the film that much more epic.

An original story about two friends on opposite sides of the galactic civil war, Gray's novel is a must-read both before and after fans see *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*.



Claudia Gray • *Lost Stars*

CONTENTS

STAR WARS: *THE FORCE AWAKENS*

SPECIAL

December 2015

WELCOME!

As you'll see in this special issue dedicated to *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, the cast and crew are excited to bring this beloved franchise back into theaters. On Dec. 18, when audiences finally get to see Episode VII of the galaxy's greatest sci-fi series, all the carefully guarded secrets of this next-generation story will be revealed. In the meantime the stars and creative minds behind *The Force Awakens* shared exclusive photos, behind-the-scenes secrets and fascinating insights into the movie's characters with *People*. Who is Luke Skywalker now? How does Rey become a heroine? Why is BB-8 so darn cute? Read on ... and may the Force be with us always.

6

Sneak Peek

Han, Luke and Leia are back, joined by a host of new characters (and one feisty new droid) for an action-packed Episode VII

28

Harrison Ford

The star talks about stepping back into the role that launched his career: Han Solo

34

Carrie Fisher

The buns and the bikini are gone, but Princess Leia is still a force to be reckoned with

40

Mark Hamill

Star Wars' original hero returns as a mysterious Luke Skywalker

46

JOHN BOYEGA
As stormtrooper-turned-hero Finn, Boyega endured countless days in the hot Abu Dhabi desert.

48

Oscar Isaac

He stars in his first blockbuster as pilot Poe

50

Lupita Nyong'o

The Oscar winner tries out motion-capture acting as pirate Maz Kanata

52

Billie Lourd and Simon Pegg

Carrie Fisher's daughter and the British actor take on top-secret roles

54

Adam Driver

The *Girls* star turns to the Dark Side as Kylo Ren

56

Gwendoline Christie

Game of Thrones' warrior gets new armor

58

Domhnall Gleeson

The Irish actor plays the powerful General Hux

60

Andy Serkis

The CGI specialist creates a new malevolent character

62

Droids and Chewbacca

C-3PO, R2-D2 and Chewie are back—joined by BB-8

64

The Filmmakers

Director J.J. Abrams and more reveal inspirations

70

Behind the Scenes

Inside the making of *The Force Awakens*



44

DAISY RIDLEY
In her first movie,
Ridley jumps into the
lead role of Rey,
a scavenger drawn into a
galactic adventure.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Joseph Ripp

CHIEF CONTENT OFFICER
Norman Pearlstine

PRESIDENT, PEOPLE AND
ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY
Rich Battista

People

EDITORIAL DIRECTOR
Jess Cagle

DEPUTY EDITOR
J.D. Heyman

SENIOR EDITOR
Samantha Miller

EAST COAST DEPUTY
NEWS EDITOR
Mary Green

CREATIVE DIRECTOR
Andrea Dunham

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY
Catriona Ni Aolain

DESIGN DIRECTOR
Phoebe Weekes

ART DIRECTOR
Henry Yung

CONTRIBUTING DESIGNER
Sarah Williams

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
OF PHOTOGRAPHY
Don Kinsella

SENIOR ASSOCIATE
PHOTO EDITOR
Joe Rodriguez

HEAD WRITER
Michelle Tauber

SENIOR WRITER
Alynda Wheat

STAFF WRITER
Kara Warner

CONTRIBUTING WRITER
Chris Tauber

DIRECTOR OF EDITORIAL
OPERATIONS
Alexandra Brez

REPORTERS
Chancellor Agard, Monica Clark,
Hugh McCarten, Rose Minutaglio,
Harriet Sokmensuer, John Wojno

ART PRODUCTION
Rachel Moskovitz Abraham (Director),
Helen Barnard, Mark Hewko,
Cynthia Miele, Daniel J. Neuburger
(Production Artists), Maya Collins,
Brien Foy, Salvatore Lopez
(Digital Imaging Specialists)

COPY DESK
Joanann Scali (Chief), James Bradley
(Deputy), Ellen Adamson,
Gabrielle Danchick, Ben Harte,
Rose Kaplan, Matt Weingarden
(Copy Editors)

PRODUCTION
Aislinn Nagel (Production Director),
Gretchen Weber (Senior Makeup
Manager), Heather McKean (Positioning
Manager), Judith M. Clarke (Deputy
Production Manager), Tammy Martinez
(Assistant Production Manager),
Christianne Modin (Operations Manager),
Shaik Aashiq (Ad Production Specialist)

PREMEDIA
Romeo Cifelli (Manager),
Jennifer Brown, Kevin Grimstead

PUBLISHING
Karen Kovacs (Publisher),
Kevin Blechman, Evan Chodos,
Susan Goldfarb, Rebecca Hanley,
Wendy Rosinski, Natalie Sive,
Julie Trotter, (Regional Directors),
Anne Toal (Associate Publisher, Digital),
Jackie Cuddeback
(Associate Publisher, Marketing)

COVERGIRL®

STORMTROOPER

**LIGHT SIDE OR
DARK SIDE**
WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

Now shop directly from our how-to videos
at covergirl.com/STARWARS



Get the look designed by Pat McGrath

Strong, graphic Stormtrooper
is inspired by the dark side in
STAR WARS: The Force Awakens.
The eyes dominate in black winged liner with
white contrasts. Lips measure up
in a deep sinister red.




**STAR
THE FORCE AWAKENS
WARS™**
ONLY IN THEATRES



38 YEARS AFTER GEORGE LUCAS FIRST TRANSPORTED FANS TO A UNIVERSE OF JEDIS, DROIDS, STORMTROOPERS AND LIGHTSABERS, **THE SAGA CONTINUES** WITH NEW HEROES AND NEW VILLAINS IN THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED EPISODE VII

Sneak Peek

A LONG TIME AGO IN A



ESCAPE FROM
JAKKU
TIE fighters
chase the
*Millennium
Falcon* into a
downed Star
Destroyer.

GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY....



STAR WARS THE FORCE AWAKENS

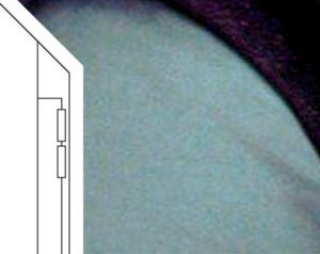
OFF AND RUNNING
Rey (Daisy Ridley) and Finn (John Boyega) flee a stormtrooper. "I think fans of action will love the movie," says director J.J. Abrams.





LASTING LOVE?

The fate of Princess Leia and Han Solo's relationship is a secret. But Carrie Fisher, Harrison Ford and Mark Hamill had input into the script. "J.J. and I were very cognizant of wanting them to be happy," says co-screenwriter Lawrence Kasdan.



FORMIDABLE FOE

As stormtrooper commander Captain Phasma, Gwendoline Christie "just killed it," Abrams said. "I am glad that a character has been designed that is visually as stunning as hers is, because she deserves it and the fans do too."





PASSING THE TORCH
Oscar Isaac plays pilot Poe Dameron. Abrams says, "Rey and Finn and Poe and the others, these characters are living in a world whose history is that of the films we've seen already, what George [Lucas] created."



HANDS UP

Finn, Chewbacca and Han appear to be captured by stormtroopers, echoing scenes from the original trilogy. Chewbacca actor Peter Mayhew is coy about how the new movie ties in: "You'll have to wait and see."



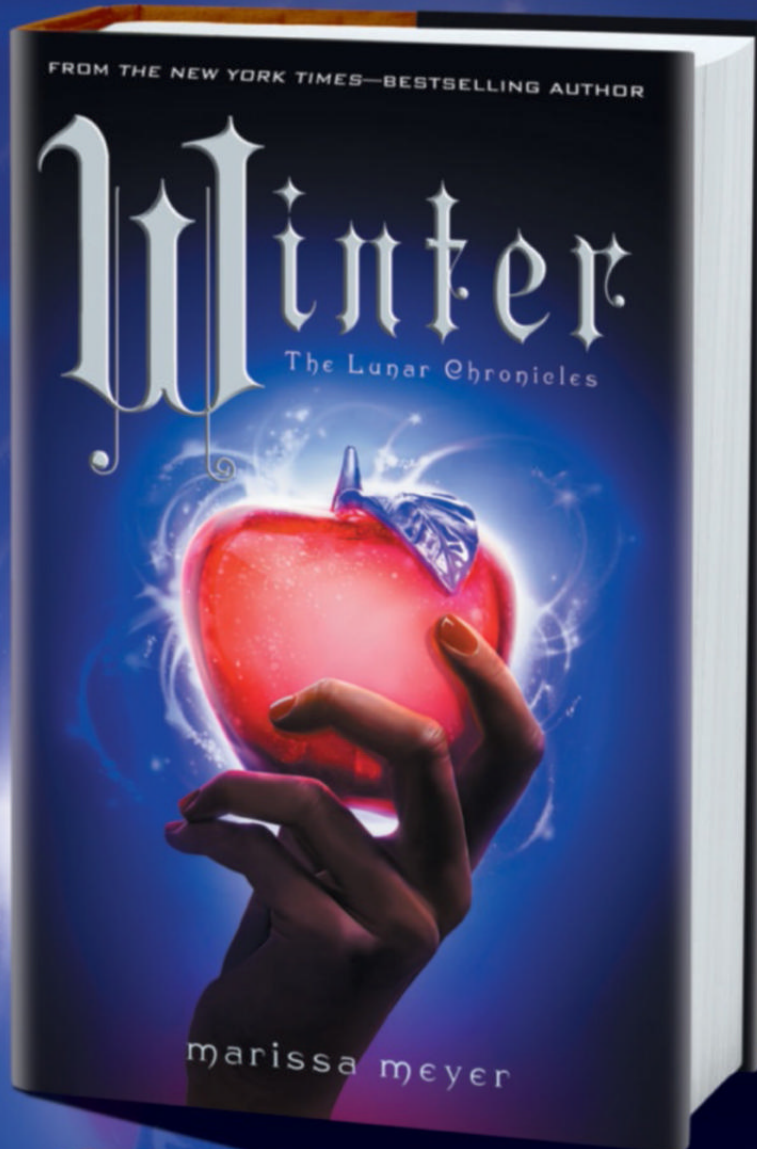
STILL THE FASTEST HUNK OF JUNK
The *Millennium Falcon* blasts across Jakku. "We went to great lengths to make the *Falcon* exactly as it was in the original films," says art director Gary Tomkins.

THE STUNNING CONCLUSION TO THE
NEW YORK TIMES-BESTSELLING

Lunar Chronicles

BY marissa meyer

"A cross between
fairy tales,
the Terminator
and Star Wars."
—ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY



START READING NOW
TheLunarChronicles.com

BRANDED LUNAR CHRONICLES
EMOJI KEYBOARD AVAILABLE



AVAILABLE EVERYWHERE
BOOKS ARE SOLD



#LUNARCHRONICLES



**STAR
WARS**
SHAPES





FRIEND OR ENEMY?

Finn and Poe cross paths when the pilot is held by the First Order. "It's very much that feeling from the first movie with this young cast," says Kasdan. "It's a very fresh feeling to start up again and have such wonderful new faces and fresh energy."



A NEW RIDE

Rey's vehicle is an updated version of Luke Skywalker's classic speeder, says Jake Lunt Davies, who designed it. "It references a tractor for an industrial feel, but it's a simple silhouette. There's a simplicity about *Star Wars* designs."

COVERGIRL®

DROID

**LIGHT SIDE OR
DARK SIDE**
WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

Now shop directly from our how-to videos
at covergirl.com/STARWARS



Get the look designed by Pat McGrath

This luminous look reflects the light side in STAR WARS: The Force Awakens. A swath of golden eye shadow across lids and cheekbones sets the tone, with gold lipstick and gloss punctuating the lustrous palette.



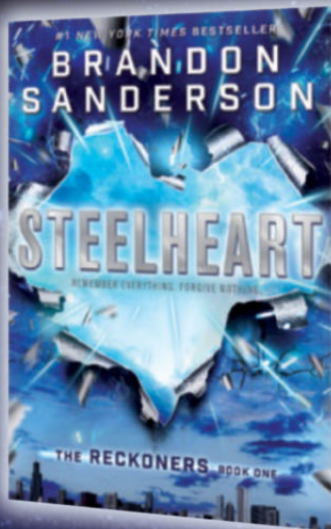
STAR
THE FORCE AWAKENS
WARS
ONLY IN THEATRES

FOLLOWING ORDERS

Thirty-two years after the evil Empire was defeated in *Return of the Jedi*, a new group called the First Order “came out of conversations about what would have happened if the Nazis all went to Argentina but then started to work again,” Abrams has said. “Could the work of the Empire be seen as unfulfilled? And could Vader be a martyr?”



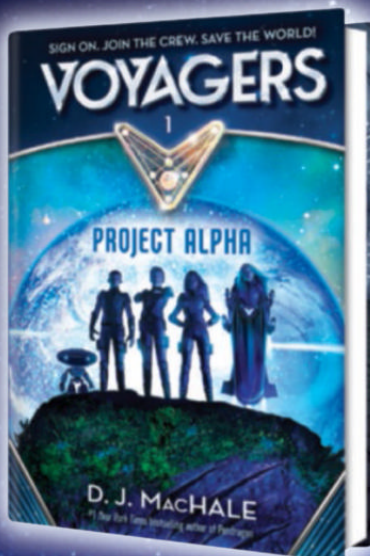
AWAKEN YOUR INNER BOOKWORM



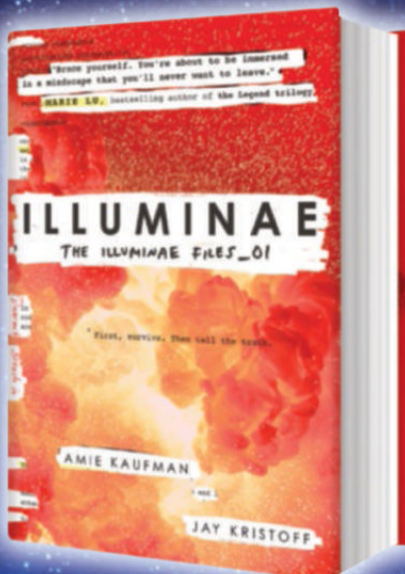
Enter a futuristic city where ordinary people have extraordinary powers—but they are not heroes.



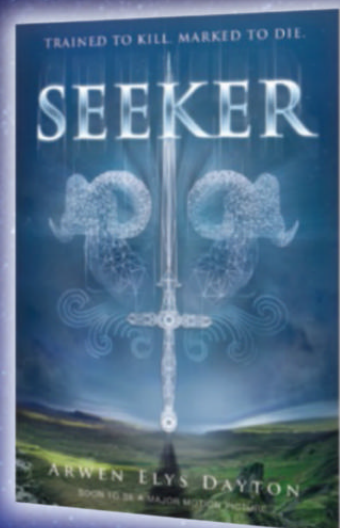
Discover a world of hyper-advanced technology, cyber terrorists, and gaming beyond your wildest dreams.



Earth is in danger, and the Voyagers team needs your help! FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION.



Travel to the edge of the universe for a thrill ride unlike anything you've experienced before.



Expose a web of secrets—where the only way to survive an assassin is to become one.



CREATURE FEATURES

Chief of creature and droid effects Neal Scanlan says *Star Wars'* nonhuman creations capture the series' "charm and charisma and a sort of feeling of connection."



ON A ROLL

Mischievous droid BB-8 is an update of R2-D2, says Scanlan. "J.J. drew the original design for BB-8 on a little napkin. The idea of using a droid that can roll and navigate things using a wheel or a ball is very current. I'm sure there will be more B units or BB-8-type droids in the future."



MEET BOBBAJJO

Creature-concept designer Lunt Davies created the expressive Bobbajo—and slipped in an Easter egg. "A little creature from *Return of the Jedi* is one of the caged creatures," he says. "I think a fan spotted that already."

COVERGIRL®

DARK APPRENTICE

**LIGHT SIDE OR
DARK SIDE**
WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

Now shop directly from our how-to videos
at covergirl.com/STARWARS



Get the look designed by Pat McGrath

You'll love creating this striking face, inspired by the dark side in STAR WARS: The Force Awakens. Featuring alluring eyes in red and black, makeup is balanced by deliciously deep red lips. Sinister has never looked so stunning.



STAR
THE FORCE AWAKENS
WARS
ONLY IN THEATRES



**THE NEXT
GENERATION**

Billie Lourd, Carrie Fisher's daughter, plays a top-secret role. *The Force Awakens* "is a new story for a new generation," says Abrams. "This is a movie that is all about characters who themselves have never seen *Star Wars*."



itty bittys

BB-8 COMING FEBRUARY 2016

The gifts you are looking for are never far, far away....

Discover these exclusive itty bittys®, Keepsake Ornaments
and more in store now and at Hallmark.com/StarWars

Hallmark
KEEPSAKE



STAR
THE FORCE AWAKENS
WARS
© & TM Lucasfilm Ltd.

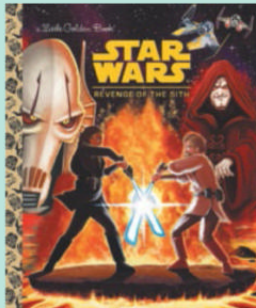


TAKING WING

Art director Gary Tomkins says the X-wing fighters in the new movie were made to look like the fighters from the earlier episodes. "You still recognize them as an X-wing, but somehow it looks like there is 30 years development."

(THIS PAGE AND PAGES 26-27) © 2015 LUCASFILM LTD.

Collect Them All, You Must!



The first six STAR WARS films
are finally retold in

 Little Golden Books®



More books coming
January 2016!



The Star Wars Lightsaber Legacy Lamp

Your Weapon of Choice

For Jedi and Sith alike, the lightsaber is the signature tool that marks a true master of the Force. Now, the lightsabers used by the Skywalker family inspire The *Star Wars*™ Lightsaber Legacy Lamp, available exclusively from The Bradford Exchange.

The elegant sculptural base presents the lightsabers wielded by two generations of Skywalkers in a legacy of power and heroism. The handles are finished in the gleaming silver and black of the original designs while the signature colored "blades" illuminate above. A custom cloth lampshade features handsome artwork of favorite characters and iconic ships by famed *Star Wars*™ artist Steve Anderson. A standard lightbulb controlled by a switch provides additional illumination.

Strong demand expected: Order now!

The *Star Wars*™ Lightsaber Legacy Lamp comes with a 365-day money-back guarantee and is issued in a strictly limited edition. Secure yours now. Quantities going fast! Act now to obtain it in five installments of \$39.99, for a total of \$199.95*. Send no money now. Just return the Reservation Application today!



Not sold
in stores!

1½ Feet
Tall

Arrives with a
FREE light bulb


**Lightsabers
illuminate!**

Shown smaller
than actual height
of 18 inches high with a
11inch diameter shade.

UL-approved; includes
one standard CFL bulb
for soft illumination. Base
illuminates with LEDs
requiring 3 AAA batteries.



www.bradfordexchange.com/lightsabers

©2015 Lucasfilm Ltd & TM.
All rights reserved.

©2015 BGE 01-22355-001-BIR

RESERVATION APPLICATION

SEND NO MONEY NOW



9345 Milwaukee Avenue · Niles, IL 60714-1393

YES. Please reserve *The Star Wars Lightsaber Legacy Lamp* for me as described in this announcement.
Limit: one per order.

Please Respond Promptly

Mrs. Mr. Ms. _____
Name (Please Print Clearly)

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email (optional) _____

01-22355-001-E93821

*Plus \$23.99 shipping and service. Limited-edition presentation restricted to 295 casting days. Please allow 4-8 weeks after initial payment for shipment. Subject to product availability and order acceptance.





**ULTIMATE
FACE-OFF**
Villainous Kylo
Ren (Adam
Driver) confronts
Finn and Rey.
“With Daisy,
John and Adam,
there have never
been characters
quite like them in
Star Wars,”
Kasdan says.

THE ICONIC
**SPACE
COWBOY**
RETURNS
OLDER, WISER
BUT AS
SARCASTIC
AS EVER

harrison





Ford was 34
when Han
Solo first
blasted onto
screens in
May 1977.

Harrison Ford can be as irreverent about *Star Wars* as Han Solo is about the Force. When Oscar Isaac asked the famous *Millennium Falcon* pilot for advice on taking the controls of a spacecraft in *The Force Awakens*, “he said, ‘It’s fake,’” recalls Isaac. “‘And it’s in space, so none of that applies.’” The original *Star Wars*, after all, was “a silly movie but wonderfully made,” as Ford described it to *People* after the 1977 premiere. Looking back on it today, he says, “I understood that it was more of a fairy tale than a science-fiction

PLAYING THE HERO

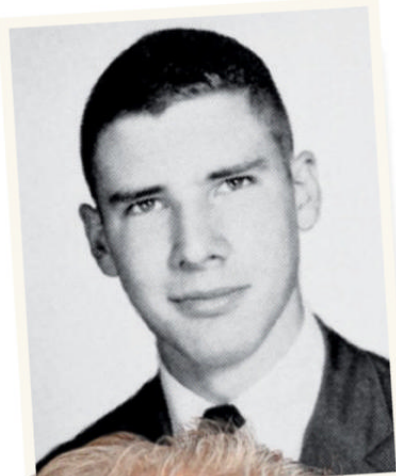
In drama class at Ripon College in Wisconsin, Ford told *People*, “I was terrified to get up in front of people, but I really enjoyed the storytelling part.” He went on to marry actress Calista Flockhart in 2010 and has filled the hero role on- and offscreen, flying rescue missions as a helicopter pilot near his Wyoming ranch.



story. I thought I had what I needed to take the job and take the money.”

Until then, the onetime carpenter was best known for a bit part in George Lucas's first big movie, 1973's *American Graffiti*. But his embodiment of Han Solo as a cocky smuggler punched his career to light speed. “I refer to George as the author of the early chapters of my life,” says Ford, who did insist on a costume change from the start: “The first iteration had a large blue Peter Pan collar, which I resisted.”

The actor, of course, would go on to iconic roles in *Indiana Jones*, *The Fugitive* and more throughout his remarkable four-decade career—and until recently the 73-year-old star thought he had long since closed the door on his surly alter ego. (He famously pushed Lucas to kill Solo in order to give *Return of the Jedi* more emotional heft; Lucas declined.) In 2014, when asked on Reddit about the “Han shot first” controversy—referring to Lucas's rerelease changes to a shoot-out scene in the first movie that seemed to retroactively soften Solo—Ford had a gruff come-



PREVIOUS SPREAD: FROM LEFT, @LUCASFILMS; TOP PHOTO: SHERYL NIELDS/GETTY IMAGES; THIS SPREAD: CLOUTIERE FROM TOP RIGHT © 2015 LUCASFILM LTD.; @LUCASFILM LTD./PHOTO: SHERYL NIELDS/GETTY IMAGES; BOTTOM: HARRISON FORD; BOTTOM RIGHT: SETH CORRELL/FANBOOK LIBRARY

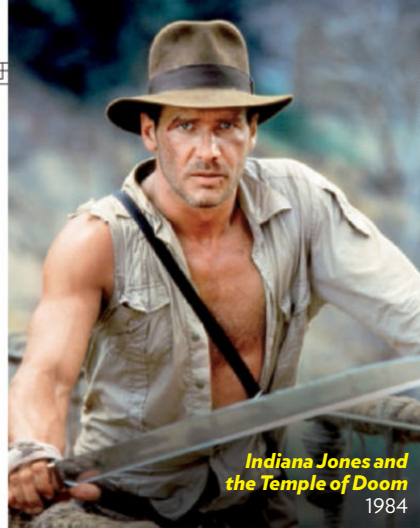


STRIKING BACK

George Lucas originally considered the likes of Al Pacino and Kurt Russell for the role of the *Millennium Falcon* pilot. In early screen tests, he relegated the no-name Ford to reading Han's lines for Luke and Leia auditions. But the riled-up Ford captured the spirit of Solo. Ford told *People*, "I was grumpy by nature in those days."



BACK IN BUSINESS
Costume designer Michael Kaplan says, "I wanted Han Solo's costume to feel familiar, since Harrison Ford is the same actor playing the same character. Of course he's older, but he's still in terrific shape."



back: "I don't know and I don't care."

But at his surprise Comic-Con appearance this past summer, just months after crash-landing his vintage World War II plane in a heroic Solo-esque maneuver, Ford said he thought the new script "was really remarkable." Stepping back into Han's boots "might have felt silly," he says, "but it didn't."

One key mystery in *The Force Awakens*: Did Han and Leia become a happily married couple with kids? Ford, a father of five who has been married to actress Calista Flockhart since 2010, seemed to understand those characters' attraction better than anyone, replying to Leia's "I love you" admission in *The Empire Strikes Back* with his now-legendary "I know" ad lib instead of the scripted "I love you too." While Han and Leia have a teary embrace in the *Force Awakens* trailer, Ford can't talk yet about the script. What is clear is that Han's brash dismissal of the Force as a "hokey religion" in the first film has transformed into the awe of the trailer's buzziest line: "It's true, all of it: the Dark Side, the Jedi. They're real."

Beyond that tease, Ford is staying tight-lipped—something that comes naturally to the taciturn actor: "I'm very comfortable keeping my mouth shut." What he will say, though, is that working on the film "was a pleasure. It was fun to see old friends." And he recognizes the film's vast appeal: "That the stories have been passed down generationally, that's significant." Just don't expect him to get *too* gushy about it all. How will he celebrate outside of the big premiere? "I'm not. That will be enough, thank you very much."

ALL-NEW

fire HD8

MORE DURABLE THAN IPAD AIR

The Fire HD 8 is our all-new powerhouse tablet that's almost twice as durable as iPad Air 2. With an HD screen, quad-core processor, and access to 38 million movies, TV episodes, songs, books, apps and more, it's the perfect device for entertainment.

Starting at \$149.99



Engineered by **amazon**

carrie

FISHER

THE SPIRITED **GALACTIC PRINCESS**
TALKS LIFE AND LOVE IN THE *STAR WARS*
UNIVERSE—AND OH, YEAH, THAT BIKINI

LEIA PRINCESS

PRINCESS
LEIA



Star Wars
“enabled me to
travel extensively,
meet people
I would not have
likely met and
diet extensively,”
jokes Fisher.



BORN A STAR
Eddie Fisher
and Debbie
Reynolds
welcomed
baby Carrie
in 1956.

all Carrie Fisher's most infamous ensemble whatever you like, but it "was no bikini," the actress told *People* in 1983. Princess Leia's metal slave get-up from *Return of the Jedi* "didn't go where you went.

After shots, the prop man would have to check me. He'd say, 'Okay, t--- are fine, let's go.' It was a curious way to enter cinematic immortality. Though the daughter of Hollywood legends Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds was used to fame, *Star Wars* was a different universe. "I knew that something enormous was likely going to impact my life from this film," Fisher says now, "and that there was absolutely no way of understanding what that was or was likely to be."

Not that Fisher, 59, has allowed George Lucas's fantasy world to dwarf her own work. She's been busy between Leia stints writing novels and screenplays (including 1990's semiautobiographical *Postcards from the Edge*, which starred Meryl Streep and Shirley MacLaine), doing theater and mental-health activism and making movies. *The Blues Brothers*, *Soapdish*, *Hannah and Her Sisters* and *When Harry Met Sally...* wouldn't be the same without Fisher. She was also busy having a life: She was married to singer Paul Simon in the 1980s, then later had a daughter, Billie, with agent Bryan Lourd. (Billie also appears in *The Force Awakens*—see page 52—as well as the TV series *Scream Queens*.) But there's no denying that *Star Wars* turned Fisher into an icon and gave her a Hollywood family just as famous as the one she was born into.

THREE GENERATIONS

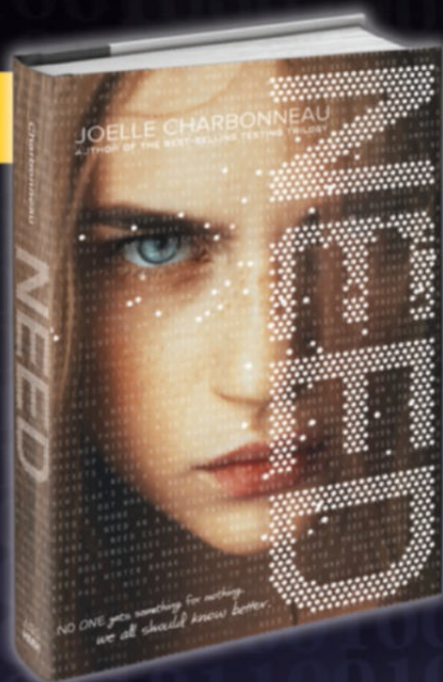
Fisher (left) posed with her mother, Debbie Reynolds (center), and daughter Billie Lourd in 2011. "I was born into something much larger than myself," she told *People* in '83. "I ended up in something much larger than myself."



Discover the “electrifying”^{*} worlds of *New York Times* best-selling author

JOELLE CHARBONNEAU

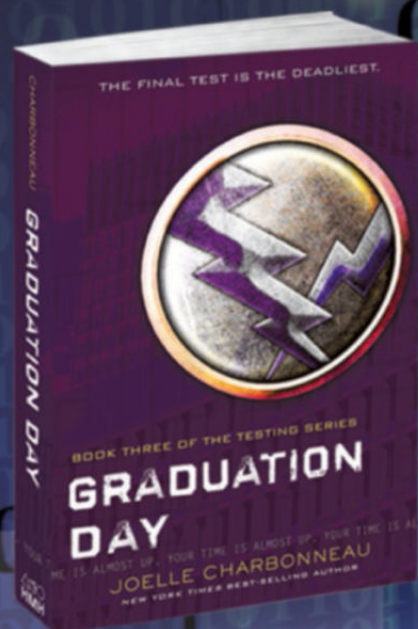
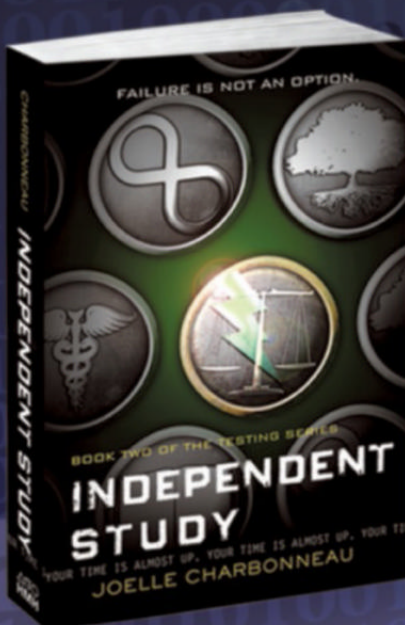
NEW!



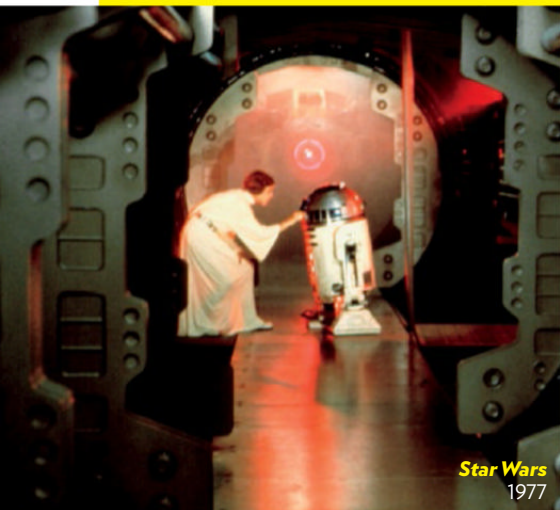
*How far would you go to
get what you **NEED**?*

A chilling thriller that examines the
dark side of human nature . . . and
what we're capable of when we think
no one is looking.

THE TESTING TRILOGY



*Keep your friends close and your enemies closer.
But how close is too close when you can't tell the difference between them?*



Star Wars
1977



The Empire Strikes Back
1980

A LOOK BACK AT LEIA

Is Princess Leia still the same galactic badass that she was when she and Han Solo (Harrison Ford, above) first met? “Yes, with a caveat,” says Fisher, coyly. “Yes and no... and yes.”

“It was like summer camp,” Fisher told *People* in 1978 of shooting with Harrison Ford and Mark Hamill. They hit amusement parks, had food fights and played out the sweetest incestuous love triangle ever committed to film. And they understand their characters’ relationships—and their own—better than anyone. “Han and Leia have conflict, but they stick to it. They take the trouble,” Fisher explains. “The key with Harrison is taking the trouble to get past any trouble.”

Ironically, one memorable star did move on: Leia’s lamé lingerie sold at auction this past October for \$96,000. It isn’t overstating things to say that the suit—and *Star Wars*—are *still* changing Fisher’s life so much that it’s hard to tell just how. “The facts aren’t all in yet,” she says on the eve of Episode VII’s release. “Can I get back to you on that?”



Return of the Jedi
1983



When Harry Met Sally...
1989

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ©LUCASFILM LTD./PHOTOFEST; COLUMBIA PICTURES/EVERETT; LUCASFILM LTD/EVERETT

A woman with brown hair tied back, wearing orange headphones and sunglasses, is reclining on a blue beach chair. She is wearing a colorful, patterned one-piece swimsuit. To her left is a large, striped beach bag. To her right is a red tumbler with a pink straw. The background shows a beach with dark sand and rocks, leading to a calm sea under a vast, surreal sky filled with swirling galaxies, nebulae, and bright star trails. The overall mood is peaceful yet awe-inspiring.

Stories that Surround You.

More than **180,000** audiobooks—from this week's bestsellers to literary classics.
Download your first audiobook for free at audible.com/people

audible
an amazon company

LUKE SKYWALKER

LUKE
SKYWALKER

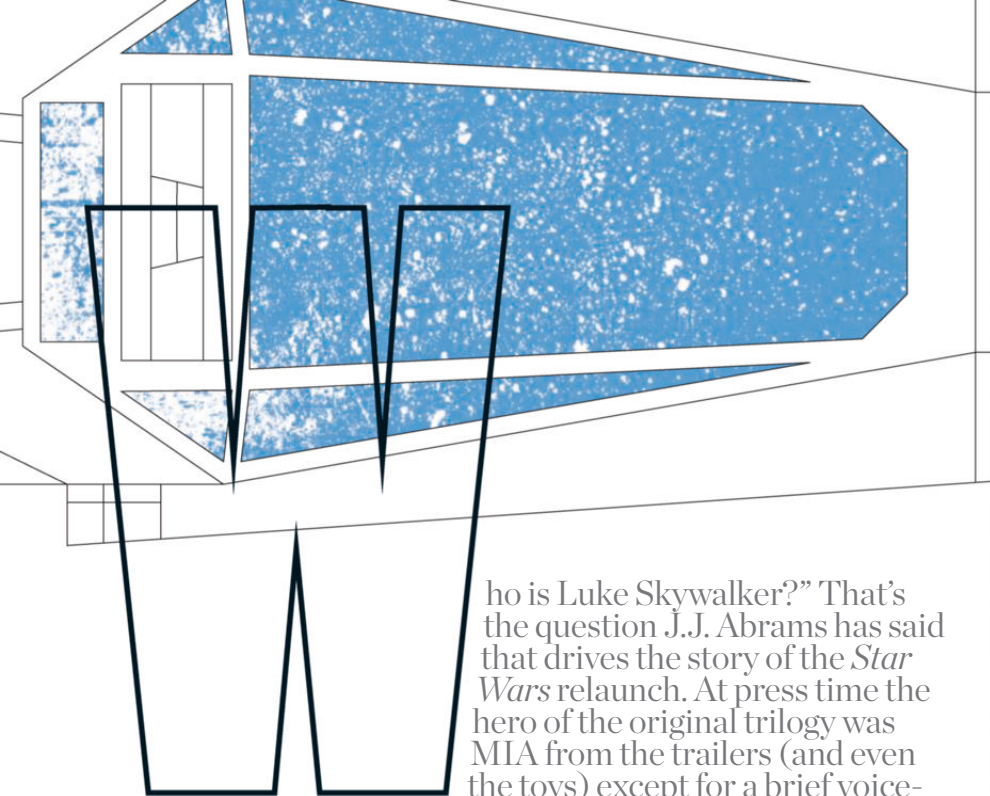
THE
**ORIGINAL
HERO** OF
STAR WARS IS
ALSO THE
TRILOGY'S
BIGGEST FAN—
AND HE'S
READY FOR A
COMEBACK

mark

HAMILL



"I became
an icon,
like Mickey
Mouse," Hamill
told *People* in
1981 of his
famous role.



Who is Luke Skywalker?" That's the question J.J. Abrams has said that drives the story of the *Star Wars* relaunch. At press time the hero of the original trilogy was MIA from the trailers (and even the toys) except for a brief voice-

over and a split-second scene of what just may be his robotic hand touching R2-D2. But three decades after Mark Hamill first portrayed the naive young hero, he still marvels that the character endured at all. "When you find out that the only woman you really fell head over heels with is your sister, it's telling you something," he said this summer at Comic-Con. "I had a feeling I'd probably wind up like Sir Alec [Guinness, Obi-Wan Kenobi] in the first movie, living in some igloo out



PROUD DAD
Hamill (with daughter Chelsea and wife of 37 years Marilou) told *People* that his proudest accomplishment outside of *Star Wars* has been his family: "I'm so lucky to have a wonderful family that has been supportive and with me through the years."

in the desert, with no human contact, just droids."

The cast member who's as much fan-boy as he is star, Hamill, 64, never really left his alter ego behind—even as he redefined his career as a leading voice actor. (That's him cackling as the Joker in *Batman* animated movies and TV shows.) He's a fixture at fan conventions and directed a 2004 mockumentary set at Comic-Con, *Comic Book: The Movie*. Yet no one was more surprised than Hamill when he was told he'd be reprising his role as the world's most famous Jedi once again. Says the star: "This was an unexpected thrill."

Hamill was 25 and a rising star when he first signed onto George Lucas's sci-fi project, breaking his commitment to the TV series *Eight Is Enough* to take the risk for a career-defining role. The middle child of seven kids whose Navy-officer father had moved the family around the world, Hamill fit the bill for Lucas's description of Luke in the *Star Wars* script: "a lovable lad

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: ALPHABET; DAVID JAMES/2015; LUCASFILM LTD.; LUCASFILM LTD.; SWARTER BROS./EVERETT; LUCASFILM LTD./TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX



RETURN OF A JEDI

Filmmakers are secretive about the crucial scene of Luke's return (above: what may be his robotic replacement for the hand lopped off by Darth Vader). The scene "was the most intimidating part," says cinematographer Daniel Mindel. "I just hope the fans enjoy the story for what it is."



Facing off with Darth Vader in *Empire*.



With R2-D2 in *The Empire Strikes Back*.



HIS DARK SIDE
Hamill has been the voice of the Joker in TV, movie and game projects since 1992's *Batman: The Animated Series*.

with a prize-winning smile."

Although many fans believe he suffered a car crash right before shooting 1980's *The Empire Strikes Back*, Hamill first spoke to *People* about the accident in 1977: "My nose was wiped right off, and my face had to be rebuilt." A few years later, he shared his frustration with his post-*Star Wars* career options. "The offers I've been getting are mostly

for horror movies," he said. "I didn't go to drama school for five semesters for that. I was ready to soar."

He'll finally have the chance to return to the global spotlight again with *The Force Awakens*. "If everyone was up for it, I was up for it," he says. "I wouldn't have missed it for the world."



daisy

RIDLEY



HEROIC LONER
Ridley says Rey, a scavenger on the planet Jakku, is "very solitary."



AGE: 23
HOMETOWN: LONDON
KNOWN FOR: PBS' *MR. SELFIDGE*

SHE'S NOT A FAN GIRL.

"I wish I had one of those stories like, 'Oh my God, this is the first time I saw one of the films!' Unfortunately, I don't. I remember seeing one of them in the cinema, but my mum and I were trying to figure out which one. I watched the prequels first and the originals afterward, and then only when I was auditioning."

SHE DIDN'T ALWAYS WANT TO BE AN ACTOR.

"I actually wanted to be a zookeeper when I was 5, which is funny now because I'm actually against zoos. I was somewhat naughty as a child. My parents found a

performing arts school, and it kept me really busy. And I loved the drama classes."

IT'S HER FIRST MOVIE EVER!

"Because I hadn't made a film before, the whole thing was scary, and I had to get over the overwhelming fear of it. That was the hardest thing."

REY IS 'A REGULAR GIRL.'

"She's not royalty, she's not a princess, she's just an ordinary girl. She has her own strength though. I couldn't have asked to play a better role."

WHAT'S NEXT?

"I don't have a dream role after this. I'm just going to plod through life and see what comes my way."

ON THE RUN
A stormtrooper gone AWOL, Finn (Boyega) charges by a smoldering First Order spacecraft on the planet Jakku.

john

BOYEGA



AGE: 23
HOMETOWN: LONDON
KNOWN FOR: *ATTACK THE BLOCK*

HIS FIRST DARTH WAS NOT VADER.

"The first time I saw a *Star Wars* movie, *Episode I—The Phantom Menace*, was about 2003," Boyega says. "I was playing with a Darth Maul action figure and found out this guy was part of a whole new world called *Star Wars*. I'm a '90s baby; don't judge me."

HE LEARNED FROM THE MASTERS.

"I watched audition tapes of Harrison Ford and Mark Hamill from the original films. It was several months of auditioning, learning lines and developing the character of Finn."

HE HAD A CARBONITE MOMENT.

"When J.J. Abrams sat me down and said, 'You're the new star of *Star Wars*,' literally everything just froze. The whole world was perfect in that one moment."

HIS DESERT SWEAT IS NOT CGI.

"I'm in a stormtrooper outfit in the middle of the Abu Dhabi desert shooting during the day. It was really, really sweaty. Thank you, J.J."

HE HAS NEW RESPECT FOR C-3PO.

"In the old behind-the-scenes footage of Anthony Daniels, he had to be in that C-3PO costume throughout the whole film. So I didn't complain with the stormtrooper suit. I took some ice baths and made sure we got the shots."

BATTLE-TESTED

Boyega shows steely resolve in *The Force Awakens* and in his first film, 2011's space-invaders saga *Attack the Block* (right).





ホリス



oscar

POE DAMERON

POE DAMERON



MASTER PILOT
An ace X-wing flier, Dameron takes after his mom, a Rebel pilot in the Battle of Endor.

AGE: 36
HOMETOWN: MIAMI
KNOWN FOR: *INSIDE LLEWYN DAVIS*

HIS FIRST STAR WARS MOVIE WAS RETURN OF THE JEDI.

"It was the first movie I saw in the theater. I remember seeing that with my dad. In some unconscious way it made a huge impact on me."
HE HAS A SOFT SPOT FOR VADER.
"The moment when Darth Vader's helmet comes off and you see he's just a fat, sad old man was pretty intense. He was so vulnerable underneath there. The power of storytelling and of family is why *Star Wars* has endured."
HE JOINED OVER FRENCH ROAST.
"It was wild and surreal that

I was in a cafe in Paris with J.J. as he was pitching me the new *Star Wars* film. But it was also exciting that I could bring something to this story."
HE HELPED CREATE POE.
"We collaborated on the character and what it could be. Poe evolved from the initial idea to what ended up being in the film."
HE ALMOST LOST HIS LUNCH.
"The first time I was in the X-wing cockpit it was very hot, and I had just eaten, which was not a good idea. At one point my lunch almost came up. I bet when Poe first went to flight school he probably had something very similar like that happen. I just breathed, and luckily the feeling went away."



IMPRESSIVE RANGE, MOST IMPRESSIVE
Isaac's star turns have included a besieged businessman in 2014's *A Most Violent Year* (with Jessica Chastain, above) and a folksinger in 2013's *Inside Llewyn Davis*.



More Newbies



MAZ
KANATA

אנג'לס קאנאט



AGE: 32
HOMETOWN:
NAIROBI, KENYA
KNOWN FOR:
12 YEARS A SLAVE

**SHE CELEBRATED
WITH STAR WARS.**

"Growing up in Kenya they would play *Star Wars* during public holidays. So it was something I could look forward to. I watched it five or six years in a row."

THE SERIES SPOKE TO HER.

At one point in the original trilogy, "one of the characters spoke in Kikuyu, which is a language in Kenya, so I really connected with it because it felt like it was inclusive of everyone."

SHE LOVES BEING A CGI PIRATE.

"I had been wanting to work in motion capture," she says. When the role of Maz Kanata, a pirate who once owned a castle that hosted smugglers and travelers, "was offered to me, I was so excited. I've always loved the work, like Andy Serkis and then Zoe Saldana in *Avatar*. And of course I got to work with J.J."

**SHE'S ALL ABOUT KEEPING
STAR WARS SECRETS.**

"I love keeping the secret, knowing something no one else knows!"

WHAT SHE CAN'T WAIT TO DO NEXT.

"I am really dying to be in a comedy. And I'd love to be in, like, a love story, you know? How about some of that?"

**WHO'S
THAT SPACE
PIRATE?**

Nyong'o leapt at the chance to act in motion capture "just like Andy [Serkis]."



12 Years a Slave
2013

**HER OSCAR
MOMENT**

In her first major film, Nyong'o won Best Supporting Actress for her wrenching turn as Patsy in *12 Years a Slave*.



lupita

NYONG'O



BUN HEAD
Her character's relationship to Leia hasn't been revealed, though they share a go-to hairstyle.

AGE: 23
HOMETOWN: LOS ANGELES
KNOWN FOR: *SCREAM QUEENS*

HER MOM IS CARRIE FISHER (AND DAD IS SUPERAGENT BRYAN LOURD). "My mom made me watch *Star Wars* for the first time when I was about 7 years old. My little ears were definitely not ready for the dramatic music and constant whizzing of lightsabers. She gave up on me watching it for the night, but about a year later I came to her room and asked her to put it on again. This time I was completely enthralled and didn't stop asking her questions the entire time."

SHE BATTLED PRINCESS LEIA.

"I made [my mom] watch it at least once a week—and on special occasions I would make her get in a lightsaber fight with me. Let's just say the more trained Jedi usually won."

LEIA WAS HER ROLE MODEL.

"When I saw the movie for the first time, I noticed my mom was not only equally as confident and strong as the men, she was one of the most confident characters in the entire film. It made me realize women are just as powerful as men and that we can truly do anything they can (if not more!)."

billie

LOURD



simon

PEGG

AGE: 45
HOMETOWN: GLOUCESTER, ENGLAND
KNOWN FOR: *STAR TREK*,
THE MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE SERIES

HE'LL BE IN COSTUME ON JAKKU—BUT STILL RECOGNIZABLE.

"You'll definitely see me because I speak and I have a role to play [in the story]. I cannot wait to be able to talk about it, because this character is extraordinary."

HE'S ALREADY BEEN INTO SPACE WITH J.J. ABRAMS.

"The first *Star Trek* movie that J.J. made [with Pegg as Scotty] is about a young, idealistic farm boy who goes off" on a space adventure. "It was *Star Trek* in a slightly more *Star Wars*-y way, which was the appeal of that reboot."

HE'S A *STAR WARS* SUPERFAN.

"The whole experience for me was a series of strange dreams come true.

I was on-set even when I wasn't performing, because I'd hang out with J.J., knocking around ideas. I'm an expert on the first three films. Being a fanboy for decades wasn't completely useless."

HE WOULD HAVE PLAYED ANYTHING.

"I'd do a droid voice or a stormtrooper, but J.J. and I talked about the screenplay, and he said, 'There's a role I'd like you to play.'"

AUDIOBOOKS TAKE YOU TO A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY...

BEFORE YOU SEE **STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS**, LISTEN TO EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE STAR WARS UNIVERSE.



Three retellings of the Original Trilogy for ages 8 - 12

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR
STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS,
BY ALAN DEAN FOSTER. ON SALE **12/18/2015**.



Penguin
Random House
AUDIO PUBLISHING

Visit TryAudiobooks.com to hear clips of these and other great audiobook selections.

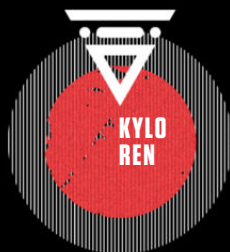
Also available in hardcover and eBook formats.



DRIVE BE

adam

THE
MUSIC



DARTH REDUX
Dark Side warrior
Kylo Ren (Driver,
center) casts his lot
with the malevolent
First Order forces.

AGE: 32
HOMETOWN: MISHAWAKA, IND.
KNOWN FOR: HBO'S *GIRLS*

HE'S A DIFFERENT LEADING MAN.

"I have been told before that I have an unusual face," Driver said to *The Guardian* earlier this year. "But my face is my face. I had a whole life before acting. Over the years lots of things have been said about my face."

HE WAS A U.S. MARINE.

An almost fatal explosion during his Marine training eventually led him to enroll at Juilliard. Driver told NPR in August, "I'm like, 'The two things I want to do before I die are smoke and be an actor.'"

HE'S A UNIQUE BAD GUY.

"Adam came onto the movie

relatively early," says *The Force Awakens* cowriter Lawrence Kasdan. "He very much influenced the character: his rhythms, how unique Adam is."

HE LIKES GOING OFF-SCRIPT.

"J.J. made everything very tactile, and [filming] kind of felt impromptu," he said during a Lucasfilm interview at last summer's San Diego Comic-Con. "It kind of felt like making it up as we go along."

DON'T ASK HIM FOR A SELFIE.

"Reactions in the street are always good," he told *The Guardian* about being recognized more by fans. "They usually see that I'm more scared of them than they are of me, and the whole power dynamic shifts."



GIRLS FRIENDS

"We're VERY proud of Adam Driver re: Star Wars," *Girls*' Lena Dunham tweeted when he was cast. "He's about to rip a hole in da force."

אנציקלופדיה של תרבות



gwendoline

CHRISTIE

DARK AND STORMY
Captain Phasma (Christie) may be *Star Wars*' strongest woman yet.



JUDGE HER BY HER SIZE DO YOU?
The 6'3" Christie (as *Game of Thrones*' Brieven of Tarr with costar Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) says, "I like playing characters that challenge the way we have conventionally looked at women."

AGE: 37
HOMETOWN: WORTHING, ENGLAND
KNOWN FOR: *GAME OF THRONES*

LEIA WAS HER KIND OF PRINCESS.

"The first *Star Wars* was a fantastical and captivating world unlike our own, but the characters were so intriguing and human. I loved this gang of misfits. I remember Princess Leia making a real impression on me: a woman who knew her own mind and was resolute."

SHE'S A SOFTIE FOR *STAR WARS*.

"I never dreamed that such a wonderful film that I have held dear since I was little would become such a real part of my life. I have to pinch

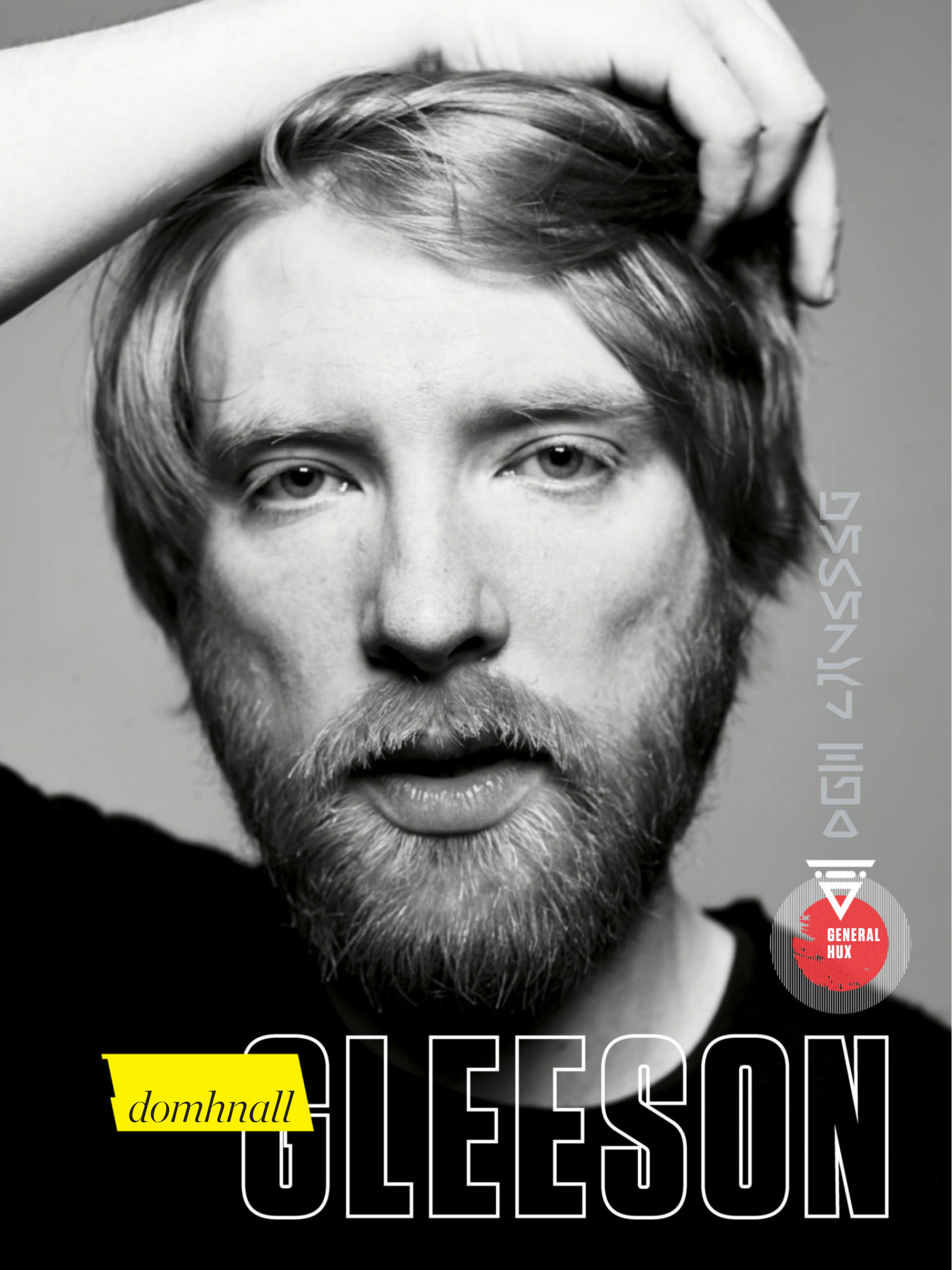
myself every day."

HER PHASMA IS THE NEW FETT.

"I play Captain Phasma, who is a First Order stormtrooper commander and a member of the Dark Side. She is a Boba Fett-style character, striking and in command but not at the very forefront of the action always. Other than that, all I can say is that she is *badass*."

SHE'S A PRO AT ACTING IN ARMOR.

"Captain Phasma looks incredible, but more than that, we respond to her character. We relate to most female characters due to how attractive they are. She is covered in armor, so it's her actions we respond to."



דאָמנאל גלעסאָן



domhnall

GLEESON

AGE: 32
HOMETOWN: DUBLIN
KNOWN FOR: *UNBROKEN*,
BROOKLYN

HE WAS IN HARRY POTTER (A LITTLE).

He played Ron Weasley's older brother Bill. "I was a very small part of *Harry Potter*," he says. "To matter to people you don't even know, that is lovely and a privilege. I'm excited, but it's not like, 'Aren't I the best?' You would be a maniac."

THIS TIME HE'S ON THE DARK SIDE.

"I think General Hux would just like a little bit more order in the universe. Whatever it takes is where he's at."

HE DIDN'T ASK LEO FOR ADVICE.

"Leo [DiCaprio, his costar in December's *The Revenant*] never took me aside and said, 'I hear you're in *Star Wars*. Here are my Leo tips: You want a hat to pull over your eyes.' I've got a good group back home to give me advice, including my dad," acclaimed Irish actor Brendan Gleeson, who played "Mad-Eye" Moody in *Harry Potter*.

HIS FAVORITE ROLE THIS YEAR ISN'T IN STAR WARS OR THE REVENANT.

"I did a play at the start of the year with my father and brother, which I think will be the best job I ever do."

HE WANTS HIS HUX ACTION FIGURE.

"I'm not a cool chrome storm-trooper, so I hope I get a toy. If I don't, I'm going to call J.J. and be super pissed off."



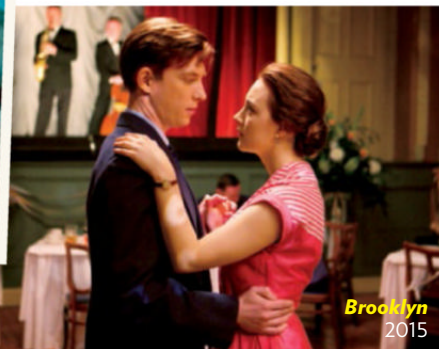
WHO IS HUX?

One clue he's evil, says Gleeson: He speaks with a British accent, like most *Star Wars* villains.



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1
2010

ACTING IS STRONG IN HIS FAMILY
 Dad Brendan Gleeson (left, in September) teamed with Domhnall in a play last year.
 Above: In *Potter*. Right: With Saoirse Ronan.



Brooklyn
2015

andy

SERKIS

WHILE THE LOOK OF HIS BAD GUY **SUPREME LEADER SNOKE** IS STILL A MYSTERY, YOU CAN TRUST THIS VIRTUOSO TO CREATE A CGI CHARACTER TO REMEMBER



KING KONG
King Kong

"He's like a lonely, psychotic hobo who's past his prime. I wanted him to be as gorilla as possible but give him big emotional range," Serkis told *People*.

CAESAR
Planet of the Apes series

The alpha ape and all his characters "are driven by one thing: acting," he told the *Telegraph*.



GOLLUM

The Lord of the Rings

"Gollum's never really gone too far away from me," he told the *Los Angeles Times* of his breakthrough CGI character, "because he's indelibly kind of printed into my DNA now."



CAPTAIN HADDOCK
The Adventures of Tintin

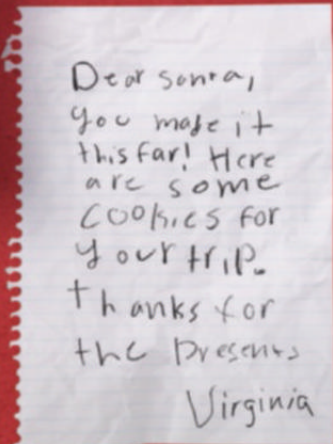
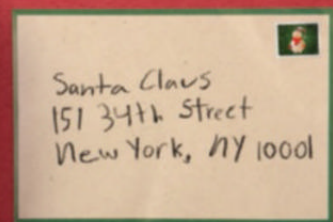
Portraying Tintin's friend was the opposite of Serkis's evil *Star Wars* role, of which "all I can say is that I'm involved in it and the character I play is... oh, I can't tell you that bit."





The countdown to Christmas.

(Made possible with paper and packaging.)



Nothing helps us get ready for the holidays like paper and paper-based packaging. And that's just one way they're important to our lives. Discover how paper and packaging can make the most of your holidays and every day. HowLifeUnfolds.com

R2-D2 & C-3PO

THESE DROIDS ARE DINOSAURS.

"In *Star Wars* tech, droids have moved on," says Neal Scanlan, head of the *Star Wars* creature shop. "Poor R2 is clunky and slightly Victorian now."

ANTHONY DANIELS MUST BE C-3PO.

"J.J. Abrams said, 'Would you consider just doing the voice?'" recalls Daniels, now 69. "I said, 'Nope.' He said, 'Right,' and we carried on. But I said the costume needed redesigning. It's now 3-D printed."

C-3PO'S RED ARM IS A MYSTERY.

"That red arm? All this is so secret," says Daniels. "If you let everybody know, it kills the impact."

THESE ARE
EXACTLY THE
DROIDS WE'RE
LOOKING FOR
AS **OLD &
NEW** MODELS
TAKE ON
ANOTHER
IMPOSSIBLE
MISSION

BB-8

UIDS



THIS IS R2-D2'S SON, SORT OF.

Based on a sketch Abrams drew on a napkin, "BB-8 is the next generation from R2," Scanlan says.

BB-8 IS A BALL OF PERSONALITY.

"We always saw BB-8 as a naughty puppy or a very clever little child. They know how to be coy, how to be cute, how to sulk,

how to pull at heartstrings to get what they want."

HE'S ON A MISSION WITH REY.

"Daisy Ridley spent a lot of time around BB-8, who is using all these tricks to transport himself on this important journey. He's on a mission, and he has to succeed."



& CHEWIE peter MAYHEW

AGE: 71
HOMETOWN:
YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND
KNOWN FOR:
FIVE STAR WARS
MOVIES

HE'S NOW A PART-TIME WOOKIEE.

"Both my knees were replaced, so I explained to J.J. Abrams I could only do so much. He said, 'Don't worry. We'll find someone big [to be a stand-in] and make you as comfortable as possible. What we need you for are the close-ups.'"

THE FUR STILL FITS HIM BEAUTIFULLY.

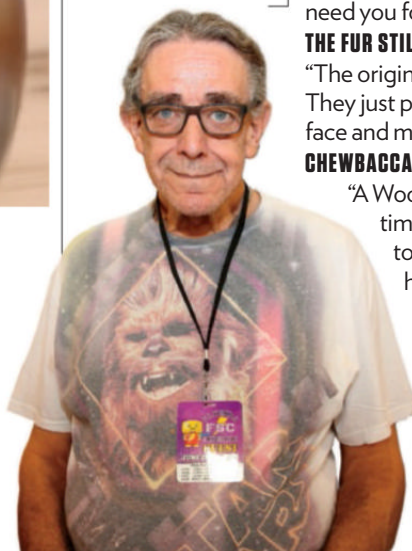
"The original costume was remade. They just plonked the mask on my face and modified it as necessary."

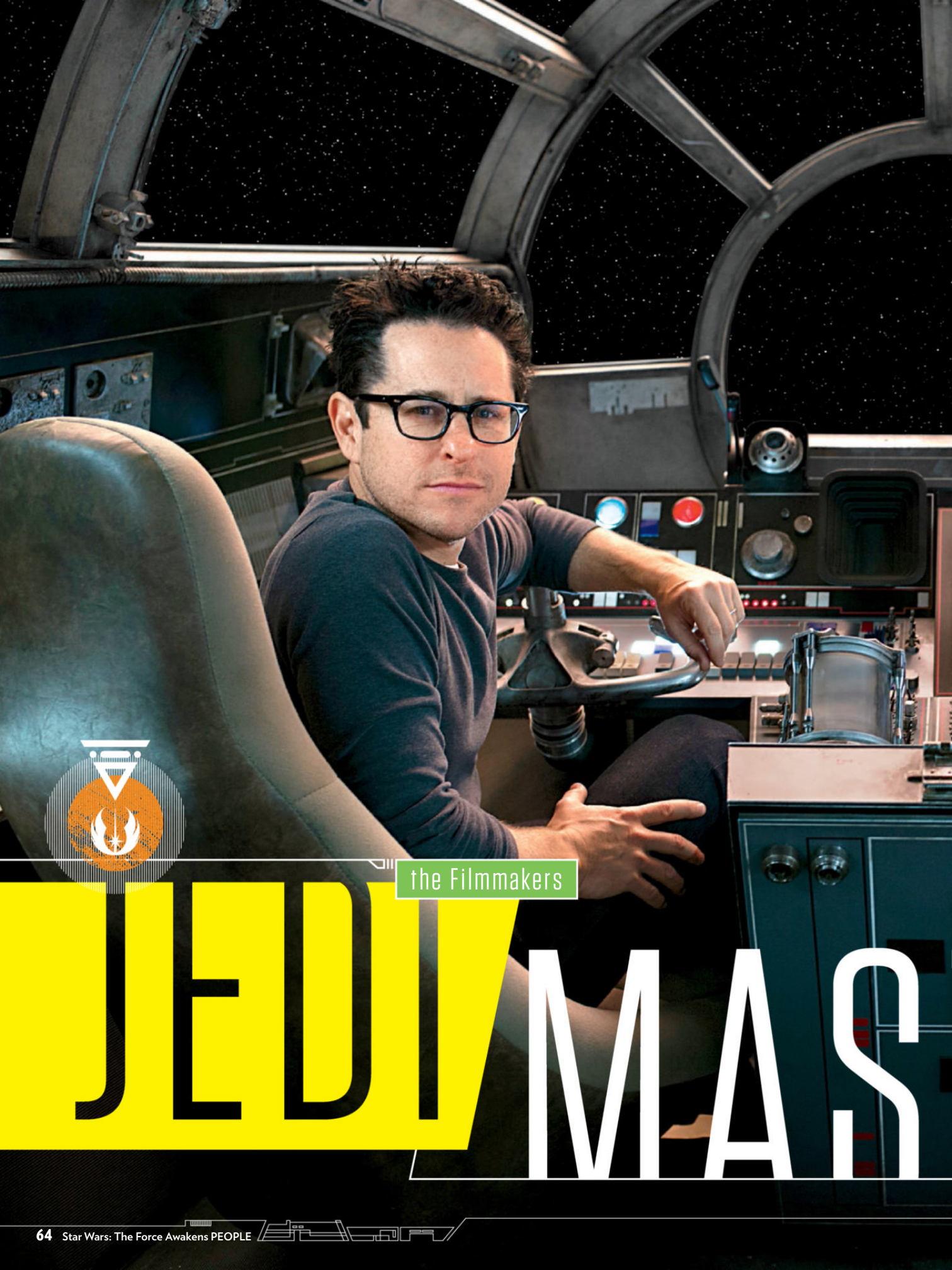
CHEWBACCA AGES MORE SLOWLY THAN HE DOES.

"A Wookiee survives over a period of time. Chewie's a baby compared to other Wookiees even though he's over 100 years old."

WORKING WITH HARRISON AGAIN REALLY WAS LIKE COMING HOME.

"On-set, Harrison knocked on my door, gave me a great big hug and said, 'Hey, buddy! You've got to get back in the old suit again?' It was wonderful."





the Filmmakers

JEDI MAS

MAKING THE JUMP
Director J.J. Abrams
and Lucasfilm
president Kathleen
Kennedy take control
of the *Millennium
Falcon* and the *Star
Wars* franchise.

TERS

THANKS TO DISNEY'S **FILMMAKERS AND
EXECS**, STAR WARS IS AGAIN MORE
POWERFUL THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE





HE FIRST SAW *STAR WARS* AT 11.

"It was the coolest-looking, most adventurous, most thrilling, greatest score, incredible sound-effects experience I'd ever had. As a kid, it was a mind-expanding amazement."

HE'S EXPLORING *STAR WARS: THE NEXT GENERATION*.

"Kathleen Kennedy brought up the idea of 'Who is Luke Skywalker?' and it struck me that there would be a young generation for whom Luke Skywalker might as well be an ancient myth. George Lucas told a story about everyman, everywoman characters who were nobodies who had to step up and

become somebody. The idea that there would be a new crop of nobodies in the *Star Wars* universe who didn't realize yet they would become somebody, that was a very powerful feeling."

HE HAD TO STOP BEING A FANBOY.

"If we got intoxicated by the nostalgia of what we were doing, the movie was gonna suck. We had to very quickly move on to the job at hand, which was to be actors and crew members and filmmakers and directors and do the work we were all there to do."

HE MADE THE MOVIE FOR EVERYONE.

"It's ultimately about family, friendship and loyalty. The action is badass with incredibly wonderful actors in some heart-pounding set pieces."

GEORGE LUCAS DECLINED HIS OFFER OF A SNEAK PREVIEW.

"He said he would rather wait and see it when it was done."

DIRECTOR
j.j.

ABRAMS

THE ORIGINAL SHOWED HER THE POWER OF A BLOCKBUSTER.

"I was in film school, so it was pretty mind-blowing how much of a game-changer that movie was."

SHE LOVES SEEING THE OLD AND NEW COLLIDE.

"There are new ideas inside the world that people are familiar with. The new characters are doing a scene inside the *Millennium Falcon* and in walk Chewie and Harrison. That's just icing on the cake."

SHE ASKED J.J. TO ADDRESS "WHO IS LUKE SKYWALKER?"

"When I first came into Lucasfilm for George, we knew the story would take place 30 years after *Return of the Jedi*. That was one of the questions that might be asked by one of the characters inside Episode VII. When I said that to J.J., he immediately got chills."

SHE'S GOY ABOUT ANY NEW REVEAL LIKE "I AM YOUR FATHER."

"I hesitate to say [there's a moment in this movie] literally in comparison to that, but something with that level of power, I certainly hope so."

PRODUCER

kathleen

KENNEDY



CHAIRMAN,
WALT DISNEY STUDIOS

alan

HORN

HE BELIEVES IN THE FORCE.

"I was very moved by the positive aspects of the Force. I love Darth Vader and Yoda."

TO HIM, J.J. IS THE CHOSEN ONE.

"He has story sense, humor and experience with effects. This is deep, resonant art."



A DAILY

FIX OF FUN

FIND IT AT **People** SHOP

[SHOP.PEOPLE.COM](https://www.shop.people.com)

YOUR NEW SOURCE FOR STYLISH, AFFORDABLE
HOME & LIFESTYLE ACCESSORIES CHOSEN BY
THE EDITORS OF PEOPLE. **OWN IT.™**



CHAIRMAN
AND CEO, THE
WALT DISNEY COMPANY

bob

IGER

HE'S A FAN FROM THE BEGINNING.

"I saw the original *Star Wars* when it came out. It seemed like the best theme-park attraction I'd ever ridden. I felt like something had shifted in both the moviemaking and moviegoing experience."

HE'S AMAZED THIS IS HIS DESTINY.

"If someone had told me then that I would be CEO of a

company making a *Star Wars* film, I would have told them they were out of their mind!"

HE HUNG OUT ON THE FALCON.

"I've had a lot of geek-out moments. I visited the set a few times. Standing with Harrison Ford on the *Millennium Falcon*, that's not a bad moment. Getting a hug from Carrie Fisher when she was in costume, reading the script for the first time, seeing your name on it, oh boy. I'm a lucky guy."

STAR WARS
CREATOR

george

LUCAS

HE WANTED TO MAKE A CLASSIC HERO'S STORY.

"My main reason for making *Star Wars* was to give young people an honest, wholesome fantasy life the way we had," Lucas, who directed the original film and Episodes I to III, told *People* in 1977. "All they've got now is *Kojak* and *Dirty Harry*."

HE OBSESSED OVER CASTING LUKE, LEIA AND HAN.

"I'd seen thousands of people," he has said. "It was a very complicated procedure that took nine months to go through. It wasn't a 'That's the one!' kind of thing."



VICE PRESIDENT
OF DEVELOPMENT,
LUCASFILM

kiri

HART

**SHE OVERSEES ALL OF DISNEY'S
STAR WARS CONTENT.**

"I hover over what's going on in features, in animation..."

THE NEWBIES ARE CRUCIAL.

"This film has new characters who are really compelling and who you love. If that's not right, then the rest doesn't matter."

People®

Get the Latest On the Go!

READ YOUR FAVORITE STORIES
FROM **PEOPLE MAGAZINE** ON THE
GO — PLUS ENJOY EVEN MORE...



Exclusive Interviews

Celeb Photos

Behind-The-Scenes Scoop

GET IT NOW:
people.com/onthego

Available on:



© 2015 Time Inc. PEOPLE is a trademark of Time Inc., registered in the U.S. and other countries. iPad is a trademark of Apple Inc., registered in the U.S. and other countries. Kindle and Kindle Fire are trademarks of Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates. NOOK is a registered trademark of BarnesandNoble.com LLC or its affiliates. Google Play is a trademark of Google Inc. Windows 8 is a registered trademark of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and other countries.

BEHIND

THE CREW OF *THE FORCE AWAKENS*
WORKED MAGIC TO CREATE A
GALAXY THAT'S MORE REAL THAN EVER



the

SCENES



MAKING 'MASSIVE MOMENTS'

Director J.J. Abrams discusses a scene set on the desert planet of Jakku with Daisy Ridley as Rey. "The thing about J.J.'s scripts is, as a cinematographer, it is hugely intimidating to read them in a cold way," says Daniel Mindel, who rejoins Abrams as cinematographer after working together on two *Star Trek* movies and *Mission: Impossible III*. "First, my initial instinct is, 'How are we going to do that?!' They're just massive moments. So the place I start is, 'How does the atmosphere of this movie feel?' That will guide me to the next place, which is how we get that from paper to film."



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH ALL OF YOU
The cast of *The Force Awakens* gathered for their first script reading in April 2014. "This was a very emotional moment with all these new people in the mix," says co-screenwriter Lawrence Kasdan (top center). "To hear Harrison and Carrie and Mark reading, it was startling to everybody. That's the character. It didn't take anything for them to get back into it."

CAPTURING THE LIGHT
Mindel checks the light on-set. "For George Lucas the difficulty on *Star Wars* was it hadn't been done before," he says. "Now at any moment we can refer to visuals instantly. That gives us a bit of an edge over the first movie."



PREVIOUS SPREAD & THIS SPREAD: DAVID JAMES/©2015 LUCASFILM LTD.(4)



FIRED UP
 Abrams (left) guides John Boyega's aim in a fiery Jakku battle. Special-effects supervisor Chris Corbould, known for epic action sequences in Bond films and *The Dark Knight*, says, "You get a totally different reaction from the actors when you have real explosions going off as opposed to when you're reacting to something in green screen. They experience the shock wave, the heat, the adrenaline."



QUEEN OF THE DESERT

Ridley copes with the heat of Jakku. "When we find Daisy's character, Rey, in the desert and she's a scavenger, Abrams said, 'I really want to see her; I don't want to see her with amazing makeup or anything,'" says Amanda Knight, head of the makeup department. "She's gotta look like she lived there, and be dirty and be sweaty.' She had a spray tan every day to make her look like she was living in that environment."



THE CREATURE BEHIND THE MASK

Costume designer Michael Kaplan touches up Captain Ithano, a character from Maz Kanata's palace (who appears in a *Star Wars* spinoff book called *The Crimson Corsair and the Lost Treasure of Count Dooku*). "With every character we invented a backstory," says Neal Scanlan, head of the creature shop.



POINTERS FROM HAN

Harrison Ford, as Han Solo, discusses a scene with Abrams. "No one had seen Harrison very much before *Star Wars*," says Kasdan, who's also working with his son Jon on a Han Solo origin movie, to be released in 2018. "Now there's an enormous history, and the original cast was full of good ideas. It fell to J.J. and me to write the screenplay that became the essence of that history."

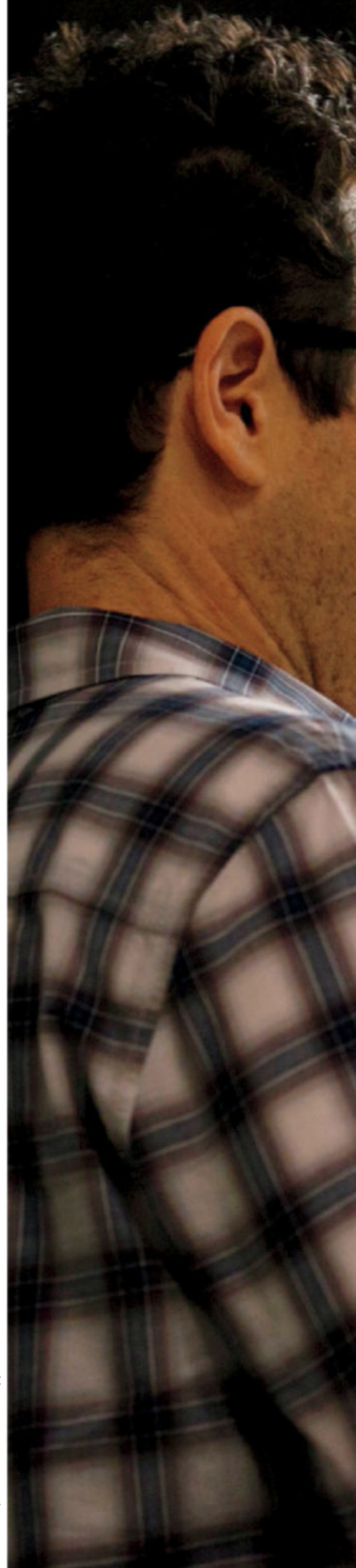
CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: ELENA DORFMAN/©2015 LUCASFILM LTD.; DAVID JAMES/©2015 LUCASFILM LTD. (2)



MAKING IT LOOK EASY

Ridley is surrounded by hairstylists on-set in Abu Dhabi. “For Rey’s hair we jokingly called the style the Three Knobs,” says Lisa Tomblin, chief hair designer. “I was trying to do something that would be iconic, simple, realistic, but not something where you’re always just looking at her hair. Princess Leia had one of the most iconic hairstyles in the history of cinema. So it’s quite a big thing to come up with the next one.”

DAVID JAMES/©2015 LUCASFILM LTD. (2)

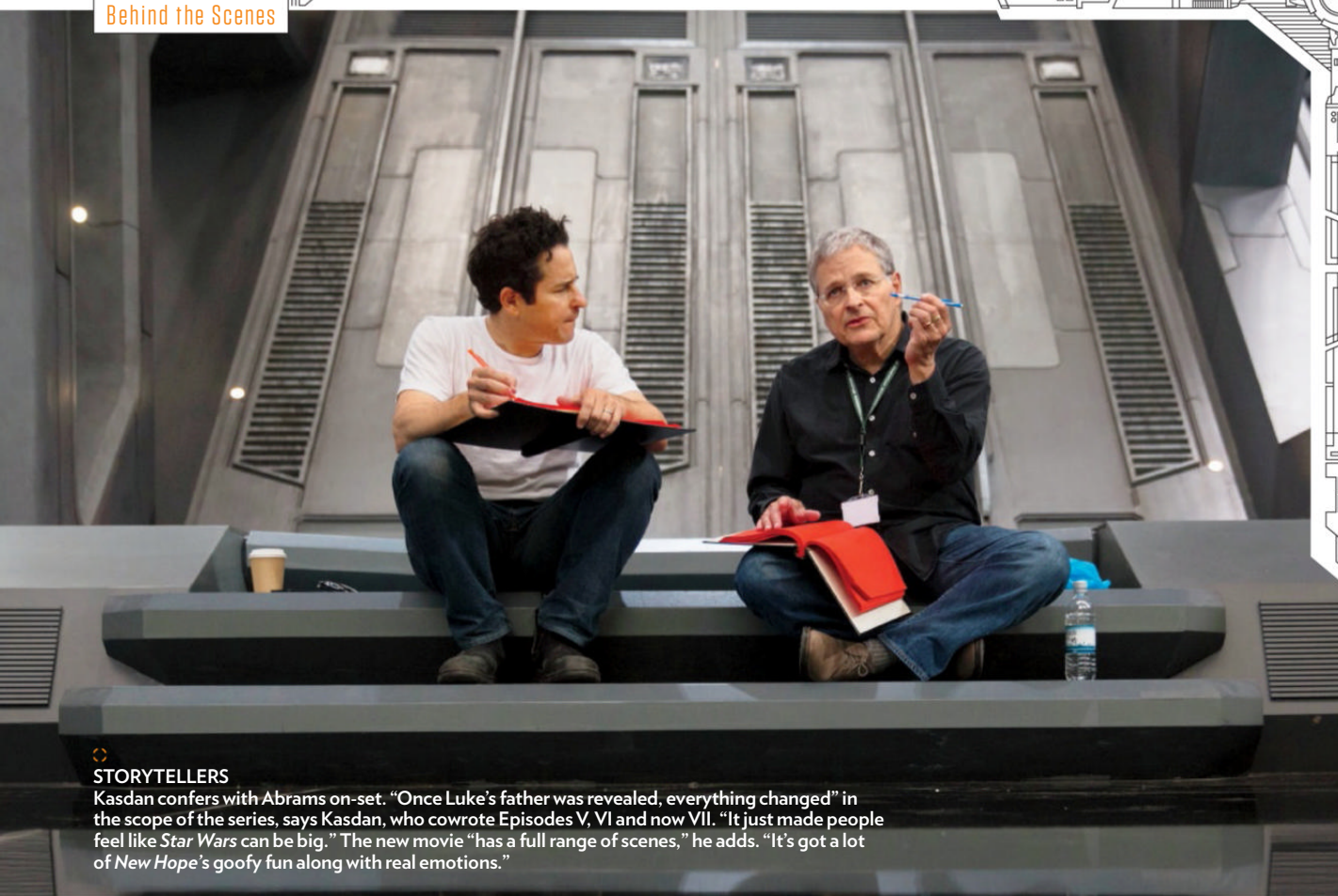




THE REAL FACE OF MAZ

Abrams directs Lupita Nyong'o as the mysterious computer-generated character Maz Kanata. "Maz actually went through many stages of whether she could be a puppet, whether she could be a person in a suit, whether she could be digital," Scanlan says. "CGI gave J.J. the freedom to be able to explore all of the creative avenues."





STORYTELLERS

Kasdan confers with Abrams on-set. "Once Luke's father was revealed, everything changed" in the scope of the series, says Kasdan, who cowrote Episodes V, VI and now VII. "It just made people feel like *Star Wars* can be big." The new movie "has a full range of scenes," he adds. "It's got a lot of *New Hope*'s goofy fun along with real emotions."



GOLDEN BOD

Anthony Daniels has now played C-3PO in all seven *Star Wars* films, though this time the suit was (a bit) more comfortable. "Only I wear the suit because nobody else is crazy enough," he says. "I got this wonderfully clever, skilled, thoughtful, kind crew who came up with some little ideas just to make the suit work better. I'm hugely grateful for that. But I'd still rather be playing Luke Skywalker. He has clothes he can sit down in. We all suffer for our art; my own is being locked away from the world."

A Hawthorne Village First!

STAR WARS™

GALACTIC VILLAGE COLLECTION

Officially Licensed
by Lucasfilm Ltd.

A long time ago
in a galaxy far,
far away....



"MOS EISLEY CANTINA"

One of the deadliest
hangouts this side
of the Dune Sea.
No droids allowed.

"Mos Eisley
Cantina" meas.
approx. 7¼" wide
x 5¼" high and
includes the FREE
"Luke Skywalker"
figurine.

Over thirty-five years after its film debut, the blockbuster *Star Wars*® saga is a cultural Force to be reckoned with. Now the fate of the galaxy can rest in your hands—and home—with the first-ever *Star Wars Galactic Village Collection*, officially licensed by Lucasfilm Ltd. and available only from Hawthorne Village.

Authentically hand-crafted and hand-painted.

Each fully sculptural character figurine and illuminated 3-D building lets you recreate your favorite *Star Wars* movie moments in thrilling detail. From the arid dunes of Tatooine to the lush forests of Endor and beyond, the Force will be strong with you, Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, Han Solo and many others as you journey across the *Star Wars* galaxy.

Begin your collection with "Mos Eisley Cantina."

This heirloom-quality sculpture and **FREE** "Luke Skywalker" figurine can be yours for three easy payments of \$19.99*, the first billed before shipment. Subsequent illuminated sculptures—each billed separately at the same low price—will be shipped about every other month. You may cancel at any time and your satisfaction is assured with our best-in-the-



"HOTH REBEL BASE"

Shipment Two
in the Collection
takes you to the
uncharted ice
planet of Hoth
to discover
the hidden
Rebel base!

business 365-day guarantee. Shipment Two will be the "Hoth Rebel Base" and **FREE** "Darth Vader" figurine.

Not available in any store! Act Now at Lightspeed!

Internet demand is expected to be strong. *Send no money now.* Just mail the Reservation Application today.

www.bradfordexchange.com/StarWars

© & TM Lucasfilm Ltd. LFL approval pending. Product subject to change.
© Hawthorne Village 14-00731-001-BIL2015

THE
BRADFORD EXCHANGE
HAWTHORNE VILLAGE DIVISION

39210 N. MARYLAND STREET
NILES, IL 60714-1322

Yes! Please reserve one illuminated *Star Wars Galactic Village Collection* for me, starting with the "Mos Eisley Cantina" and **FREE** "Luke Skywalker" character figurine as described in this announcement.

SEND NO MONEY NOW.

*Plus \$9.99 shipping and service. All sales are subject to acceptance and product availability.
Allow 4-6 weeks after initial payment for shipment.

Certificate of Authenticity & 365-Day Money-Back Guarantee

FREE! 3 FIGURINES INCLUDED—A \$45 VALUE!

Signature

Mrs. Mr. Ms.

Name (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Address

Apt. No.

City

State

Zip

E-Mail

917301-E24901



'IT'S TRUE. ALL OF IT.
THE DARK SIDE.
THE JEDI.
THEY'RE REAL'

—HAN SOLO IN *STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS*

come

south park **nashville**
seinfeld **empire** the
mindy project **difficult**
people transformers:
age of extinction **scandal**
once upon a time **bones**
the wolf of wall street
modern family arrow

the hunger games: catching fire law &
order: special victims unit **gotham** how to
get away with murder **world war z** bob's
burgers **saturday night live** the last man on
earth **fresh off the boat** the voice **sleepy**
hollow the daily show with trevor noah

the goldbergs brooklyn
nine-nine **chicago fire**
the simpsons **the flash**
black-ish **minority report**
scream queens **casual**
anchorman 2: the legend
continues **family guy**
heroes reborn **broad city**
apocalypse now **hercules**
the player **best time ever**
with **neil patrick harris**
grey's anatomy **aqua teen**
hunger force mistresses **inside**
amy schumer the expendables 3
the tonight show starring jimmy
fallon chappelle's show **america's**
next top model masterchef
spongebob squarepants joe
labor day carrie

key & peele **quantico**
parks and recreation
the hills shark tank
mythbusters izombie
i, frankenstein new girl
parenthood flashdance
adventure time louie
castle the awesomes
csi: miami deadbeat
they came together
sons of anarchy **daria**
the good wife **the hills**
elementary **cake boss**
review **project runway**
kroll show **top chef** **east los high** the affair
so you think you can dance **the grinder**
the hunger games: mockingjay – part 1
pawn stars csi: crime scene investigation
keeping up with the kardashians
robot chicken **workaholics** aquarius
the nightly show with larry wilmore
america's funniest home videos
late night with seth meyers
teenage mutant ninja turtles
ray donovan sesame street

star trek into darkness
the skeleton twins **fargo**
beauty and the beast
rupaul's drag race
vikings **rick and morty**
night of the living dead
american dad! all is lost
dancing with the stars
hugo **wayward pines**
tosh.0 the venture bros.
reno 911! homeland
robocop girl most likely
last comic standing
blood & oil **dead heat**

east los high the affair
dance **the grinder**
the hunger games: mockingjay – part 1
pawn stars csi: crime scene investigation
keeping up with the kardashians
robot chicken **workaholics** aquarius
the nightly show with larry wilmore
america's funniest home videos
late night with seth meyers
teenage mutant ninja turtles
ray donovan sesame street

with us

Come dive into our vast library
of current seasons, hit movies,
all-time favorites and Hulu Originals.

Start your free trial
[hulu.com/start](https://www.hulu.com/start)

hulu
come tv with us

COVERGIRL®

RESISTANCE PILOT

**LIGHT SIDE OR
DARK SIDE**
WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

Now shop directly from our how-to videos
at covergirl.com/STARWARS



Get the look

Confident and daring,
the Resistance Pilot look is inspired by
STAR WARS: The Force Awakens.
COVERGIRL Janelle Monáe wears : strong blue
eyeshadow, with a hit of gold in the center.
Highlighting and contouring enhances her
cheekbones, while lips stay soft & pretty.



STAR
THE FORCE AWAKENS
WARS
ONLY IN THEATRES